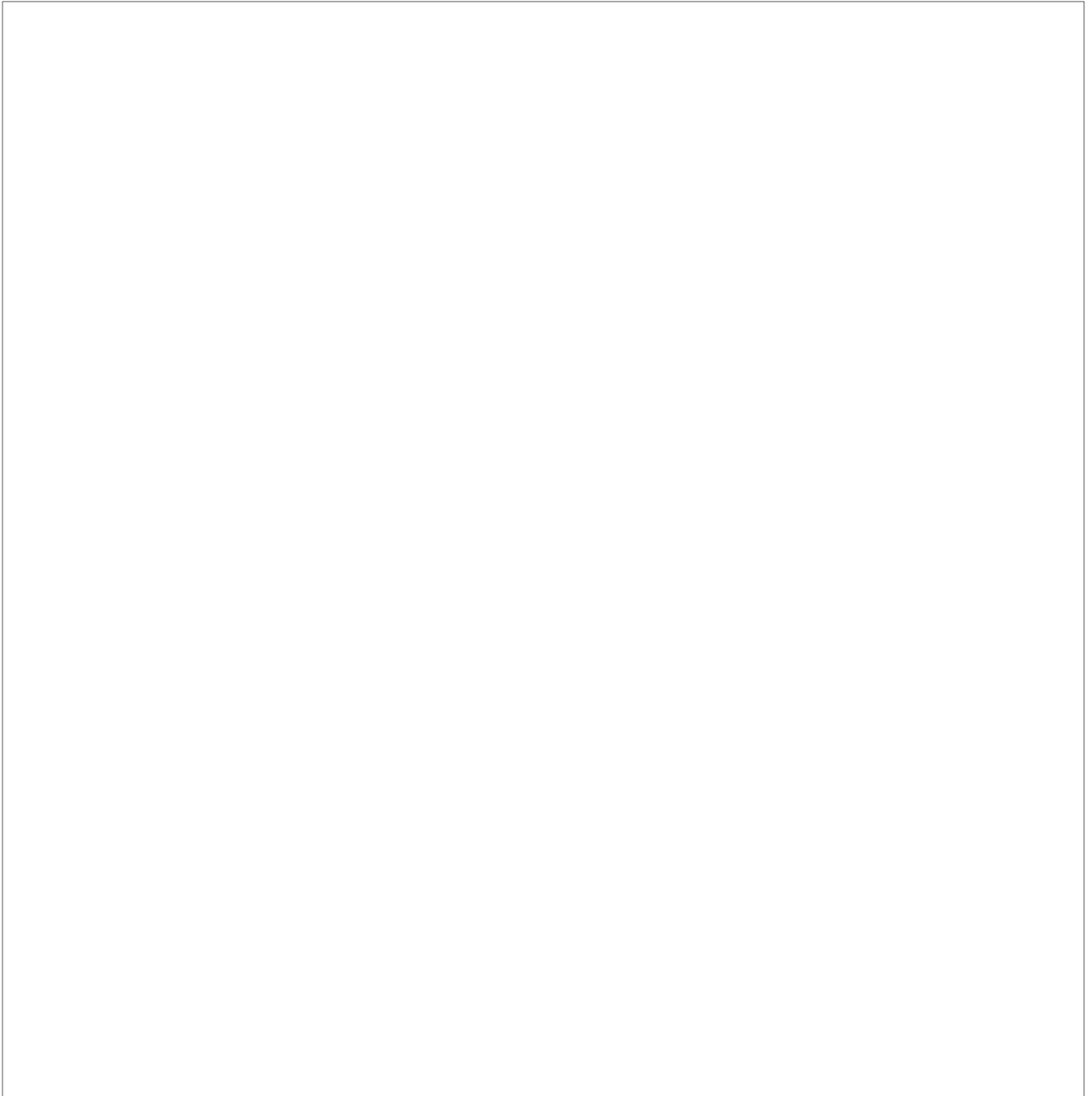


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There were traditional Christmas amnesties in several Latin American countries.

Argentina announced the release of 389 persons from Executive Detention. The government put another 30 detainees on parole, placed two under house arrest, granted 10 the so-called "right of option" to leave the country, and expelled one. The regime also announced that a list of the 3,607 persons it claims are still being held under Executive Detention will be made public "at an opportune time." Some of the 389 persons released from Executive Detention may not actually be freed. Some prisoners are being held in Argentina under both Executive Detention and judicially ordered preventive detention related to pending criminal charges.

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